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For: LIQUID CHARGING METHOD, LIQUID CONTAINER, AND METHOD FOR  
MANUFACTURING THE SAME

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The following remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action dated January 14,  
2003.

**REMARKS**

**I. Introduction**

Claims 1-37 are all the claims pending in the application, and claims 1-37 have been examined. In particular, claims 1-37 stand newly rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Hara et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,312,115 (hereinafter "Hara") in view of Hasegawa et al., Japanese Patent No. 62095225 (hereinafter "Hasegawa") and further in view of Lichte, U.S. Patent No. 5,586,085 (hereinafter "Lichte") or Walker, EP 1 088 668 (hereinafter "Walker").

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